

ATTACHMENT B

Clean Replacement Claims

Following herewith is a clean copy of claim 1 which replaces the previous claim 1.

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1. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a fluoroalkylcarboxylic acid of the formula $R_f\text{COOH}$ wherein R_f is a C_{1-16} fluoroalkyl group, which comprises oxidizing a fluoroalkyl alcohol having a formula $H(\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ or $F(\text{CF}_2)_n\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, wherein n is an integer of 1 to 16, using nitric acid and feeding oxygen into the reaction system during the oxidation reaction to reduce the required amount of nitric acid to a stoichiometric amount or less relative to the fluoroalkyl alcohol.
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